

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN BERNIE OLSON**, on January 21,  
2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 170, 1/13/2005; HB 192,  
1/13/2005  
Executive Action: HB 224, HB 187, HB 275

**HEARING ON HB 170**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. BILL WILSON (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 170,  
Clarify fund transfers for certain vehicle taxes and fees.  
00:02:00

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:09 Doug Monger, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**EXHIBIT**(trh16a01)

00:06:32 Dan McGown, Disaster and Emergency Services

00:07:16 Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile  
Association

00:07:44 Doug Abelin, Montana Trail Vehicles Association

00:08:10 Bob Gilbert, Montana Weed Control Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:09

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:41

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, HD 77, CLANCY came into the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 192**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 192,  
Revise commercial driver's license, driver's license, and  
commercial motor vehicle laws.  
00:13:01

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:02 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General's Office

**EXHIBIT**(trh16a02)

00:34:13 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:39:31 Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:40:31 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:41 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:44

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:21

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224**

**Motion:** REP. MACLAREN moved that HB 224 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:27:41

**Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with BERGREN, COHENOUR, GOLIE, JENT, and LINDEEN voting no. REPS. LINDEEN, JENT AND BERGREN voted no by proxy. REP. BALLYEAT voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187**

**Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 187 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:32:44

**Motion:** REP. ARNTZEN moved that HB 187 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT**(trh16a03)

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 187 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. REPS. BERGREN, JENT, BALLYEAT, and LINDEEN voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275**

**Motion:** REP. OLSON moved that HB 275 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:35:10

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously. REPS BERGREN, LINDEEN, BALLYEAT and JENT voted aye by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh16aad0.TIF](#))**